

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
May 6, 2013 at 7p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Chief Richard Foutch, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR March 18, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Cynthia Hyde presented an F.O.P. event request for June 8th. After some discussion, the Board determined more information was needed (time of car show, street closures request) before approval could be given. Request was tabled until the next meeting.

Richard Lorenz presented the recommendation by McKenna Consulting for the HMGP demolition contract award. The low bid, made by Bryan's Hauling and Excavating, in the amount of \$144,860, met with all requirements. After the bidder provides documentation for 100% bonding and performance, the Town will be ready to sign a contract with him. Since it is coming in under budget, they will entertain some changes after the contract is executed.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the bid from Bryan's Hauling and Excavating in the amount of \$144,860 for the cleanup of the properties under the hazard mitigation project. The motion was seconded, and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Officer Foutch reported that Officer Bonebrake and Zeus are going through tracking training. If Zeus passes level three training, he will be one of only three dogs in Indiana to achieve that. He also stated the new vehicle has been ordered, and will be in, in about 5 weeks. Officer Foutch also reported that they received some grant money from Drug Free. They received \$487 for lapel cameras for the officers, and also the k-9 was awarded \$1,500.00. Also another award of \$500 was received to be used for handouts for children during the Apple Butter Festival. Next Foutch requested that they be allowed to use the house recently purchased for the street department, for police training.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Denise Shaw reported that tomorrow they should be receiving the bids for the contractor for the sewer project, and a meeting with the sewer task force will be held on Thursday, asking for their recommendation for awarding the contract to one of the bidders. After that, it will go to the redevelopment committee, and on to the commissioners for approval.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Dean Bruce reported that he met with the Building Dept. committee. After June 1st, part-time employees will have their hours reduced to 28 hours. For right now, they will work on keeping hours for the building inspector within that range, with help from Sheila and/or John if necessary. They discussed various ways to educate the contractors through seminars. Cynthia Hyde reported that she still needs to fill one more BZA position.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish was not present, but Cynthia Hyde said that Larry requested that the board approve the purchase price up to \$8,000.00 for a new mower.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve setting aside funds up to \$8,000 for the purchase of the new mower. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on sewer maintenance and operations.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Plans for an organizational meeting and swearing in of new members for both groups to be held on the 4th Tuesday in May were discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported that the bill of sale and real estate transaction for the Mobley property has been recorded.

Richard Lorenz presented Ordinance 2013-5, to Amend Title VII, Traffic Code, Chapter 72m General Traffic Violations §72.16 Snow Emergencies.
Dean Bruce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-5. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Follow up is needed to review which ordinances were not voted on, or not completed in their final form.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Clothing allowance policy was discussed. In 2009 there was an amendment to the employee’s handbook (Policy 509). It states that the clothing allowance is determined annually and it will be paid in January of each year. After some discussion, the policy will remain as is. Richard Foutch said he would try to provide further information is as it pertains to purchasing boots.

Jon Stantz announced he is now the new president of the Solid Waste District.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.
Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8:30p.m.

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Cynthia Hyde, President	Jon Stantz, Vice-President	Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer